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1. IN JANUARY 31 CONVERSATION, CSC PRESIDENT JUAN ANTONIO TINOCO CONFIRMED TO ECONOFF PLANS FOR A MEETING IN SAN SALVADOR FEBRUARY 14 AND 15 OF THE COFFEE PRODUCERS GROUP. HE SAID SOME 100 PARTICIPANTS ARE ANTICIPATED AND VIRTUALLY ALL PRODUCERS HAVE CONFIRMED THEIR INTENT TO ATTEND. THE PRODUCERS' DESIRE IS TO MEET ROUGHLY EVERY TWO MONTHS BUT THE RECENT WORKING GROUP MEETINGS IN LONDON HAVE NOT PROVIDED AN ADEQUATE OPPORTUNITY FOR A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEETING, ACCORDING TO TINOCO, THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING

IS TO BE LIMITED TO QUESTIONS OF MARKETING, AND IS NOT INTENDED TO BE A CAUCUS ON THE COFFEE AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS.

2. CONCERNING THE MEETING OF THE WG ON NEGOTIATING AN AGREEMENT, TINOCO EXPRESSED LITTLE ENTHUSIASM. HE LAUGHED AT THE INCIDENT OF THE "FALSE" PRODUCERS COMMUNIQUE BY CANTU AND VOICED MORE SERIOUS CONCERN OVER WHAT HE ALLEGED TO BE AN APPARENT LACK OF INTEREST IN CONTRIBUTING TO THE WG'S WORK BY SOME DELEGATIONS, SPECIFICALLY THE U.S. HE EMPHASIZED HIS SUPPORT FOR THE PORTUGUESE PROPOSAL FOR A JOINT PRODUCER/CONSUMER BUFFER STOCK (REFTEL A, PAR.9), A MECHANISM WHICH HE SEES HAVING THE ADVANTAGES OF ELIMINATING THE DIFFICULT PORBLEMS OF QUOTAS AND PRICE INDEXATION. NOT UNEXPECTEDLY HE ALSO LIKES THE IDEA OF TOTAL MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION IN THE FINANCING OF THE OPERATION.

3. COMMENT: IT MAY BE USEFUL TO THE DEPARTMENT TO CONVEY TO APPROPRIATE POSTS SOME INFORMATION ON THE PORTUGUESE PROPOSAL AND USG VIEWS THEREOF FOR USE IN DISCUSSIONS, AT LEAST ON THOSE OCCASIONS WHEN OUR VIEWS ARE SOLICITED.

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